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SUBJECT: HISTADRUT TRAVEL FREEZE TO AFFECT
PARTICIPATION AT ARO MEETING IN SINGAPORE

REF: EC BRUSSELS 3911

1. THE HISTADRUT INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT INFORMED THE
LABATT THAT ISRAEL WILL BE REPRESENTED AT THE ARO MEETING
IN SINGAPORE BY ITS PACIFIC REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE,
MICHAL SIEW, WHO IS STATIONED IN AUSTRALIA. DUE TO
UPCOMING KNESSET AND HISTADRUT ELECTIONS, SECRETARY GENERAL
YERUHAM MESHEL HAS FROZEN ALL INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL UNTIL
THE END OF JUNE, AND IS SENDING ONLY HISTADRUT'S REGIONAL
REPRESENTATIVES RESIDING ABROAD TO SUCH MEETINGS.

2. THIS TRAVEL FREEZE COULD ALSO AFFECT HISTADRUT
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PARTICIPATION AT THE ILO GENERAL CONFERENCE IN GENEVA.
CURRENT PLANS ARE THAT THE HISTADRUT EUROPEAN
REPRESENTATIVE IN ROME, ELIEZER HALEVI, WILL ATTEND IN PLACE
OF GIDEON BEN ISRAEL, THE REGULAR WORKERS' DELEGATE.
BEN ISRAEL SAID HE MAY GO TO GENEVA FOR A FEW DAYS,
BUT HAS NOT YET OBTAINED MESHEL'S APPROVAL. ISRAEL
HERZ, WHO DEALS WITH HISTADRUT AFRO-ASIAN AFFAIRS,

ALSO HOPES TO GO TO GENEVA FOR A FEW DAYS TO LOBBY
WITH AFRICAN WORKERS' REPRESENTATIVES, BUT HE TOO
IS STILL AWAITING APPROVAL FOR HIS TRAVEL.

3. HISTADRUT INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES
HAVE TOLD US THAT BECAUSE OF MESHEL'S FREEZE ON TRAVEL,
THE HISTADRUT HAD TO CANCEL SEVERAL TRADE UNION SEMINARS
WHICH HAD BEEN SCHEDULED FOR APRIL AND MAY IN THAILAND,
KOREA, AND SINGAPORE. MFA AND MINISTRY OF LABOR
OFFICIALS HAVE ALREADY INDICATED THEIR CONCERN THAT
THE ABSENCE OF BEN ISRAEL AT THE ILO CONFERENCE IN
GENEVA COULD WEAKEN THEIR OWN ROLE AND EFFECTIVENESS.
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